citizens of Ashland in the misrepresentations he made as to *what* the *church* would do towards building and maintaining the proposed College. He betrayed every trust committed to him while he had anything to do with the institution and through false promises sunk the institution almost hopelessly into debt, and with the exception of a lot of uninformd well-meaning persons and a lot of political bummers has lost the confidence of about all respectable and well informed people in and around Ashland. All he is now after is to boom his McPerson (Kas.) project which he hopes to do by the kind of work to which Bro. B. calls attention. In plain English it is this, he thinks if he can belittle Ashland College in the eyes of his German Baptist Brethren they will look upon him as the lion and will shell out liberally for his air castle device in Kansas. It will not win Solomon; the German Baptists rather admire the heroic manner in which Ashland College is managed, and I will venture the assertion that those who know you as we do will as soon give money to help us, as to give it to you for your Kansas fraud. Elder Eby has already declared through the German Baptist press, that the McPerson school is not owned by the church which I regard as serving a timely notice on his brethren to beware, and not be deceived by you again as the brethren at Ashland were. And the people of McPherson too, will in time find out that you are as badly watered stock as their hundred thousand dollar donation is. True you have a few unwary souls whom you may be able to dupe as you did us, for we will remember the exterior polish by means of which you pulled the wool over our eyes. *Go away*, mind your own business and let Ashland College alone. Your exposition of dirt while there and your playing the Skunk since has so completly obliterated your influence, that I think you must be a fool to attempt any further damage to this institution.

Now Bro. Editor when you waste any more labor on Solomon do it after the foregoing fashion, and he will know what you mean.

P. J. BROWN.

Nat. Mil. Home, Ohio, Dec. 22.

A New Candlestick.

MARCUS, CHEROKEE. CO., IOWA.
DEC. 5TH, 1887.

J. H. SWIHART.

Dear Brother,

Greeting:—My object in writing to you is about this. The German Baptists have a membership here of about thirty members and we are under John Early's ruling, of Aurelia, but we can't stand it any longer. At a council meeting in September, they disowned two sisters for wearing the hat. Then I exposed them publicly. Since that time they have had two councils: the last one was one week ago last Saturday. Then they disfellowshipped me for exposing what they did. I was their only minister here. Now can't you come and hold some meetings here, and see what can be done for us. I beg of the church there at Waterloo, Hudson and Enon, to let you come here and help us. It seems to us that they might let you off one Sunday so that you could be here about two weeks. I had written to Bro. E. L. Yoder, but he can't come. I am in dead earnest.

I haven't told you anything of the German Baptist workings here, but suffice it to say it is the old story.

Yours Fraternally,

H. B. LEHMAN.

Having received the enclosed letter which explains itself as I give it bodily, I read it to the church at Hudson, Enon and Waterloo, at the regular meeting on the 11th inst., and the brethren unanimously decided to let me go to Marcus, and, if circumstances should require it, for me to remain over Sunday the 18th. Accordingly, Bro. Showalter notified the brethren at Aurelia, that I would be on the train on Monday, the 12th, enroute for Marcus, and that I wished some of them to accompany me. When the train stopped at Aurelia, who should I see but brethren Devore and S. T. Grove who stepped aboard the train and after a hearty handshake and a few words of good wishes for success, Bro. Devore stepped off and I and Bro. Grove were side by side on our way to Marcus, some twenty five miles farther on. On arrival, about 8 o'clock, p. m., we met Bro. H. B. Lehman and were conveyed to his comfortable home and were introduced to his pleasant family, and heard the old, old story, not of Jesus and his glory, but of Elder rule and Annual Meeting. Bro. Lehman told us of the expulsion of 4 young members who had been suspended for wearing the female hat, (they have male hats out here too, about the only difference is the gender) and he took their part, claiming that they had no gospel authority to expel them for such offence, and finally they discharged him, and for that reason he had written, and was anxious to see what could be done. He said he had taken the entire responsibility; he did not know what the rest would be, but we would hold some meetings anyhow, and let the result be as it would, that we could not make it much worse than it was. We began work in the school house on the evening of the 13th, and continued until Saturday, the 17th, when we could have the use of the house at 10 a. m., when we proposed to organize and succeeded in setting up a new candlestick, composed of seven members. Bro. Lehman was ordained at this meeting like Saul and Barnabas and all other Elders in the days of the Apostles, by prayer and the imposition of hands.

Our meetings continued to increase, the congregations enlarged and the interest deepened with every service from the beginning, until the house was crowded and the interest remarkable. Up to date thirteen have joined in a band and are exulting over the free gospel air which they are permitted to breathe on this Cherokee prairie, and with which they sing loud praises to God. Last evening five dear souls came out on the Lord's side, and if tears and testimonies can be taken for a sign, there are many others near the kingdom.

Bro. S. T. Grove has been here all the time and has rendered valuable aid in the work. Brethren Devore, McClain and Leonard, of Aurelia, have been here part of the time, and Bro. Leonard is still here and seems to enjoy himself much.

Owing to our engagements at Waterloo, I must close my work here this evening, but Bro. Grove will remain and carry on the work if the weather will permit. May God crown his efforts with abundant success.

J. H. SWIHART.

Dec. 19, 1887.

Falls City Items.

The Falls City church has begun a revival meeting. Bro. Geo. W. DeBolt, the Sam Jones of the Brethren Church, has come to Nebraska. He opened his battery on Sunday morning, and at this writing has preached three discourses.

It cannot be told yet what the harvest will be, but judging from his sermons to church members, he will reach the hearts of the unconverted when the time comes to present to them the need of a Savior.

Bro. John Nicholson closed a series of meetings across the border in Kansas, at a little school house, resulting in three conversions. Bro. Nicholson's labors were highly appreciated at this place, and this appreciation was manifested in a way that proved its sincerity. On the eve of his departure, the people gathered at the house of Bro. Wallace, and not only presented the faithful laborer with a nice sum of the circulating medium, but also loaded him with many nice presents of the substantials of life to carry home to his wife and family. The veteran evangelist went home, feeling that "his lines had fallen in pleasant places."

It is certainly encouraging for a minister at the close of a meeting to see the fruit of his labors manifested, not only in having souls come to Christ, but also in a display of gospel liberality towards the preacher recommended by Paul, 1 Cor. IX.

Religion can be known only by its fruits, and the selfishness, and miserly stinginess, that hides under its cloak in churches where the wants of the faithful minister is neglected, is only evidence of what an amount of inconsistency that garment is sometimes called upon to hide.

Bro. G. W. Gephart, of this congregation, has gone to Burr Oak, Jewell county, Kansas, to preach for the litfle church at that place. Bro. Gephart formerly belonged to the United Brethren church, and did some preaching while with that denomination. He was ordained a Brethren minister at our love feast last spring, and has a desire to prove his ministry.

E. L. Y.

From Pennsylvania to Nebraska.

I left my home in Fayette Co., Pa., on Wednesday morning, Dec. 14th, for my present field of labor in Nebraska. I travelled by steamer as far as Pittsburg, a distance of about one hundred miles. This part of my journey occupied about twenty-four hours. Thursday morning, at nine, I took train on the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis R. R., and was soon being whirled across the mighty state of Ohio. I should have liked to come by the way of Ashland, and would, had time permitted. Night settled down upon us soon after leaving Columbus, Ohio, and from that until within a few miles of St. Louis, all was wrapped in impenetrable darkness; but as I was familiar with that part of the country, did not care so much for not being able to see it.

Stopped over at St. Louis until evening, so that I would reach my destination in daytime, instead of night. At 8:20 p. m., I started on the last stage of my journey, by the way of the Missouri Pacific R. R. At daylight, I found that we were entering far-famed Kansas City. After a stop of forty minutes for breakfast, we started once more reaching Falls City, Neb., at 12:45 p. m. I had telegraphed Bro. Yoder, from Kansas City, the time of my arrival, but he, not having received my telegram, of coursed failed to meet me, so I found myself in Falls City, with plenty of time to look round me. I soon found some of the brethren, and found at the same time that I had dropped down in a nest of real warm hearted Pennsylvania people, who soon made me feel perfectly at home.

We had preaching at 11 o'clock Sabbath, and have been continuing since. I caught cold on the way out, and have been scarcely able to preach on account of hoarseness. Monday, I had an introduction to, and have since been, much against my will, interviewing a real Neb. "blizzard." With the thermometer below zero, and a keen, piercing wind blowing, it is not a very soothing introduction to Pennsylvania nerves. But I will perhaps write my impressions of Neb. at another time. With the exception of my hoarseness I am in better health than I have been for months.

It would be hard to guess what the outcome of our meetings will be, but think we are doing, and will do much good.

GEO. W. DEBOLT.

Dec. 21st, 1887.

Church Dedication.

New Year's day is the time fixed to dedicate our church in this village. Elder Wm. Spangle, of Pa., is expected to be on hand. Let this notice be as an invitation to all.

E. B. SHAVER.

Maurertown, Va.

From Lanark, Ill.

The last applicant during Bro. Worst's meetings at Lanark and which was not baptised at our last report was duly immersed a short time ago. She was in rather delicate health, but was fully resigned and was easily baptized, and is a valuable accession to the Brethren church. No less is also the brother who preceded her, yesterday the 21st, had a quiet wedding at Bro. J. M. Shelly's, near Bethlehem church. Bro. Joseph Blough—one of our deacons—was the lucky man this time. Brother Blough is one of the original 30 who entered the organization at its beginning. He was elected deacon about two years ago, and has been of valuable service to us. The happy woman was sister Mary C. Clark who united with the church last fall just before our love feast. We hope and trust she will be a true helpmeet to Bro. Blough, and that he will in turn be a devoted husband. May the choicest blessings follow them all their days, which we pray may be long and pleasant.

Z. T. LIVENGOOD.

OUR CHURCH.

J. Miller Mong sends us two dollars for the College.

Eld. S. M. Good sends $5.00 for the College.

Bro. I. Kilhefner is now in Michigan preaching.

Bro. C. B. Clapper sends us one dollar for the College debt.

A glorious meeting at Marcus, Iowa. Read Bro. Swihart's letter.

Bro. M. W. Keim sends in his dollar vote for freeing Ashland College.

Bro. W. J. H. Bauman is at home, at Montana, Kansas, at present.

Bro. Mason filled his appointments at Little York, O., last Lord's day.

The Convention Report is 20 cents. Send for a copy. You will need one for reference.

Bro. and sister J. P. Holsinger, of Ridgley, Md., each send $1.00 for the College.

We expect to hear from Bro. Nicholson's meeting held in the Pony Creek church, Kansas, next week.

Reference to the College notes will inform the reader that quite a number of the students went home last week.

The brethren at Mt. Olive church, Va., would like to have some one to come and hold a series of meetings for them.

We wish all our new readers a pleasant time during the holidays, but be sure and make a part of the feasting spiritual.

Bro. D. Bailey, the efficient superintendent of the College Sabbath school, treated the little and the big last Lord's day.

Bro. J. H. Swihart will close up his work at Waterloo this week, and will begin work anew in Indiana the first of the year.

Bro. W. C. Perry and wife spent Christmas at Ankenytown, O. The Brethren had a Christmas entertainment at that place.

Bro. E. Mason and wife came up from the Valley last week. Students of the College favored them with a present that was highly appreciated.

Bro. A. A. Cober orders his address changed from Farmersville, O., to Milford, Ind. He commences his pastoral work the first of the new year.

Brethren are now renewing their subscription. It would be a great favor if all who want their paper continued would write and say so, or if they want it stopped to say so.

Our meeting at the Little Chapel, Brown Co., Kans., closed on Monday, 10th inst. with three accessions by baptism. Sarah, wife of Joseph Burger, formerly of Richland Co., Ohio, was baptized, and Laura and Ella Lyster. Many others were near the blessed kingdom. This church has a bright prospect before it for an ingathering of souls, and it can not help but accomplish the work, having such noble ministers at the helm as Warner and Burnworth and a host of others who are ready under all circumstances to assist their preachers. God bless our beloved Zion every where. We had splendid singing during our protracted meeting. It was conducted by Bro. Elias Burkley. Eld. E. L. Yoder attended the meeting a few times. God bless him.

J. NICHOLSON.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 18, 1887.

College Notes.

Mr. A. Heitner is out of school this week on account of the death of his mother.

Prof. Shook expects several new students in the Business department after Jan. 1.

Rev. W. L. Stahl writes from Tiosa, Ind., to Prof. Bailey for Notes of S. S. Lessons.

Mr. O. M. Myers went to his home at Milledgeville, Ill., yesterday to spend the holiday season.

Rev. J. A. Miller, the boy preacher will spend Christmas among the hills of Perry county with Charlie Deffenbaugh as his *chaperone*. By the way, I believe Allie's teachers will all say that his genius is principally the genius of hard work. I say this as a compliment to him rather than otherwise, as well as to encourage application in others.